

Washington, D.C. Today, the House of Representatives passed a bill which Congressman Sanford Bishop supported reforming the Congressional page program. The measure improves oversight of the Page Program by requiring regular meetings of the Page Board and makes the Page Board fully bipartisan, comprised of 2 Democrats and 2 Republicans. Also on the board will be a former page and the parent of a person who is or has been a page in the past 5 years.

For more than 150 years, young men and women from across the nation have come to Washington to serve as pages in the U.S. Capitol. This measure reforms the Page Board to make sure scandals, such as the recent incident involving former Rep. Mark Foley's inappropriate contact with underage male pages, never occur again.

Remarked Congressman Bishop "As a Member of Congress, protecting the young people who serve as pages is a high priority. This measure is another critical step in restoring integrity to the institution of the House of Representatives."